



Recreational Trails Program  
State Trails Committee  
Annual Meeting  
May 7, 2009, 9:30 A.M.  
Minutes

Committee Members Present: Curt Vanek, Curt Glasoe, Lisa Kudelka, Mark Zimmerman, Tyler Jacobson, Annette Behm-Caldwell, Ron Luethe, Keri Wanner, Kevin Stankiewicz.

Absent: Ben Kubischka, Bob Backman, Daryl Brandner.

Others Present: Michelle Vetter, Arik Spencer, Bobby Koeplin.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by North Dakota Parks & Recreation Recreation Division Manager, Arik Spencer.

Spencer welcomed committee members.

Discussion was held regarding increasing the per project cap from \$120,000 to a greater amount.

Vetter reported that Ben Kubischka from the North Dakota Department of Transportation stated that asphalt trail projects have seen an increase in costs to around \$220,000 per mile for asphalt trails that are ten feet wide per conversation with Ben at last years meeting.

Jacobson stated that he is concerned on what a higher limit would do to small town applicants.

Vetter explained that the scoring process would ensure fair treatment regardless of the dollar value of projects submitted. Kudelka added that the top two ranked projects for 2009 were well below the current project cap.

The committee voted unanimously to increase the per project cap to \$150,000.

Spencer discussed the technology plans for the Recreational Trails Program for the next year, specifically the use of GIS in management of the program.

A brief discussion was held on the Federal Highway Bill due to the bills expiration in September and the continuation of the Recreational Trails Program in 2010. Federal Highway Administration and Parks and Recreation Department staff will continue working with the expectation of funding for FY2010 based on current information regarding reauthorization of the program and the likelihood of a continuing resolution until a new bill is authorized.

Vetter reported there was \$1,119,936 available this year with a 10 % obligation limitation imposed by NDDOT and 5% taken out for education/safety and 7% for administration. Leaving \$886,989.31 for projects. Motorized will have \$266,096.79, non-motorized will have 266,096.79 and multiuse will have 354,795.73. One application was incomplete; resulting in 2 motorized project applications and 12 project applications in the non-motorized and multiuse categories.

The committee voted to lift the \$120,000 per project cap on motorized projects.

The motorized projects were ranked as follows:

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Project Name/ Description</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Fund Amount</u></b>
1	NDPRD	Bottineau County Tract Acquisition	\$100,000	
2	Snowmobile North Dakota	Snowmobile Trail Program updates	\$ 265,000	

The fund amount granted will be based on actual available funds.

The non motorized projects were ranked as follows:

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Project Name/ Description</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Fund Amount</u></b>
1	NDPRD	Little Missouri Trail Re-route	\$33,792	
2	NDFS	Tetrault Woods Hiking Trail	\$34,500	
3	USDA-Forest Service	Maah Daah Hey II '09	\$120,000	
4	Morton County Water Res.	Harmon Lake Recreation Trail	\$120,000	
5	North Country Trail Assoc.	NCT Trail Construction	\$ 76,700	
6	Bismarck Park District	Cottonwood Connection	\$120,000	
7	Morton County	New Salem 2009 Shared Use Path	\$91,200	
8	American Legion Post 88	Hank. Am Legion Nat Res phase II	\$62,890	
9	Burleigh County Water Res.	McDowell Dam Rec. Multi-Use Path	\$120,000	
10	Casselton Forestry Dept.	Tinta Tawa Trailhead/Parking	\$15,520	
11	Lincoln Park District	Millennium Park Trail	\$70,864.38	
12	Dakota Camps	Legacy Grove	\$ 25,000	

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Koepplin, incoming president of the North Country Trail Association, said that the Valley City chapter of the North Country Trail Association will be hosting the National North Country Trails Conference in July.

Updates were also given on a number of National Trail Day events taking place around the state in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.